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SUBJ: UPPER VOLTA-MALI BORDER DISPUTE: PRESIDENT
SENGHOR'S INTERVIEW WITH PRESS

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1. UPON HIS RETURN FEB 18 FROM MALI AND UPPER
VOLTA WHERE HE AND PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE OF NIGER MET WITH
PRESIDENT MOUSSA TRAORE OF MALI AND PRESIDENH LAMIZANA
OF UPPER VOLTA, PRESIDENT SENGHOR GAVE BRIEF INTERVIEW
TO RADIO SENEGAL. ACCORDING TO RADIO SENEGAL NEWSCAST
FEB 19, DURING SENGHOR'S VISIT, MALIAN PRESIDENT
CONFIRMED TO HIM AND KOUNTCHE THAT MALIAN TROOPS HAD
WIHHDRAWN FROM DISPUTED AREA ALONG UPPER VOLTAN FRONTIER.
PRESIDENT SENGHOR ALSO SAID THAT UPPER VOLTAN PRESIDENT
HAD CONFIRMED THAT MALIANS IN UPPER VOLTA WERE FREE TO
RETURN TO MALI.

2.SENGHOR CONFIRMED THAT CEA0 CHIEFS OF STATE MEETIN,
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WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR JAN IN NIAMEY AND POST-

PONED UPON MALIAN REFUSAL SEND DELEGATION, WOULD NOW BE
HELD IN MID-APR. IN INTERVENING TIME,SENGHOR SAID,
COMMISSION OF JURISTS SET UP TO INVESTIGATE BORDER DISPUTE
WILL HAVE MET AND MADE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO MEDIATION
COMMISSION COMPOSED OF CHIEFS OF STATE OF SENEGAL, GUINEA,
NIGER AND TOGO. COMMISSION WOULD THEN MAKE PROPOSALS
BASED ON THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS TO TWO PARTIES IN CONFLICT.
SENGHOR COMMENTED SOLUTION TO DISPUTE BETWEEN UPPER VOLTA
AND MALI HAS NOT YET BEEN FOUND BUT ADVANCES TOWARD SOLUTION
WERE BEING MADE. SENGHOR ALSO HAD LAVISH PRAISE
FOR STATESMANSHIP OF KOUNTCHE.
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